

*An Act, Prohibiting all Masters of Ships or Vessels, or any other Person, from Transporting or Conveying away any Person or Persons out of this Province, without Passes.* No 67.

**B**E it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the Publication hereof, any Person or Persons whatsoever, intending to depart this Province, shall first give Notice of his, her, or their intended Departure, by setting up his, her, or their Name or Names at the Secretary's Office of this Province, and also at the Door of the Court-House of the County, where such Person resides at the Time of setting up such Name, as aforesaid, the full Space of Three Months; that if in the Time aforesaid no Person shall Underwrite the said Person or Persons, so setting up his, her, or their respective Name or Names, as aforesaid, it shall be then lawful for the Governor, Keeper of the Great Seal, or Secretary of this Province, for the Time being, upon Certificate thereof from the Clerk of the Provincial-Court, and the Clerk of such County-Court where such Name shall be set up, as aforesaid, to sign a Pass or Passes to any such Person or Persons to depart this Province, for which the Party shall pay to the Secretary for Signing the same, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence, and to the Clerk of the Provincial and County-Courts Twelve Pence each: And if any Person or Persons, upon any sudden or emergent Occasion, are necessitated to depart this Province, not having set up his, her, or their Names at the Secretary's Office and County-Court-House Door, as aforesaid; then such Person or Persons, giving good and sufficient Security to the Governor, Keeper of the Great Seal, or Secretary, to discharge and pay all Debts, Dues, and Demands whatsoever, due, owing, or demandable from the said Person to any of the Inhabitants of this Province; then the said Person or Persons may have a Pass, containing a Certificate of such Security given, for which shall be paid the same Fee, as aforesaid.

**A**ND be it further Enacted, That any Master of Ships or Vessels, or other Persons whatsoever, that shall transport or convey out of this Province, by Land or Water, any Person, being indebted by Bill, Bond, or Account, or otherwise, to any Inhabitant thereof, without such Pass or Passes under the Hand of the Governor, Chancellor, or Secretary, as aforesaid, shall be liable to satisfy all such Debts, Engagements, and Damages, to the Person or Persons to whom such Debts or Damages respectively shall be due within this Province; except the same be otherwise satisfied, or that the Transporter or Conveyer away of such Person or Persons procure such Person or Persons to return again within One Month after, whereby he may be liable to justify here: And every such Person, as aforesaid, as shall transport or convey away out of this Province any Servant or Servants, being Servants here by Condition for Wages, Indenture, or Custom of the Country, shall be liable to pay and satisfy unto the Master or Owner of such Servant or Servants so carried away, all such Damages as he or they shall make appear to be justly due to such Master or Owner for want of such Servant, as the Court, before whom such Cause shall be try'd, shall think fit.

**A**ND whereas several ill-minded People, inhabiting and residing at the Head of the Bay, have commonly set Persons over the Head of the Bay, and *Susquehanna* River, being either Felons, Debtors, or run-away Servants, from the more remote Parts of this Province, for some small Advantage they have in buying or getting such Money, Goods, or Apparel, as such Persons, so absenting or flying from Justice, as aforesaid, have with them, having with them generally Money, Goods, or Apparel, by them feloniously purloyned